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1. I HAVE JUST HAD A THREE-HOUR PRIVATE MEETING WITH
SEMNOV (I WAS ACCOMPANIED BY EARLE, AND HE WAS ACCOMPANIED
BY TRUSOV) ENTIRELY ON MIRV VERIFICATION, WHICH COMPLETELY
DISPELLED ANY HOPES THAT THEY WERE SEEKING TO MOVE TOWARD
US ON SOME VARIANT OF A "TYPE"RULE. AFTER MORE THAN TWO
HOURS OF TWISTING AND TURNING TO AVOID ANSWERS TO MY DIRECT
QUESTIONS ON APPLICATION THEIR FORMULA (DURING
COURSE OF WHICH I NOT ONLY RENEWED MY USE OF SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM
SHOWING DIFFERENT TYPES OF LAUNCHERS AT TEST RANGE, ONE OF
WHICH WAS OBSERVED TO HAVE LAUNCHED A MIRV MISSILE (REFTEL)
AND NUMEROUS REFERENCES BY ME TO OUR QUESTIONS ON DERAZHNYA AND
PERVOMAYSK), TRUSOV FINALLY SAID THAT THE TEST WAS WHETHER ANY
INDIVIDUAL LAUNCHER HAD EVER CONTAINED A MIRV MISSILE.
SIMILARITY OF A LAUNCHER TO ONE WHICH HAD BEEN OBSERVED TO HAVE

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LAUNCHED A MIRV MISSILE WAS ENTIRELY IRRELEVANT. THEY

STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT EVEN CAPABILITY WAS ENTIRELY
IRRELEVANT. IN ALL, IT WAS A VERY DISCOURAGING MEETING.
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